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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

****For discussion purposes by the STRC at its May 2018 meeting****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act creating the reentry cultural programming grant program; defining "cultural programming"; providing an appropriation; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reentry cultural programming grant program. (1) There is a reentry cultural programming grant program for the purposes of:

(a) promoting the use of cultural programming by entities that serve American Indian individuals who are involved with the state or tribal criminal justice system; and

(b) reducing recidivism and increasing community reintegration success rates.

(2) The department of corrections, city, county, and tribal governments, community correction facilities and programs, and other community-based organizations working with offenders are eligible to receive reentry cultural programming grant funds.

(3) (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "cultural programming" means the use of multifaceted, traditional practices to provide recovery support, recidivism prevention, and community resource referrals for American Indian offenders who are supervised in a community or are released or will be released

from incarceration. The term includes programs administered in a state prison, a prerelease center, a community corrections facility, a county detention center, or a community-based setting.

(b) Programs must:

(i) train individuals to create and maintain a network of social, emotional, and spiritual support upon release; and

(ii) support an offender while reconnecting with families, cultural traditions, and communities.

(c) Programs may include training components for families and community members who support the offenders.

(4) The board of crime control shall:

(a) actively seek federal grant money that may be used for the purposes of this section;

(b) produce a biennial report summarizing the grants provided, how the grant money was spent, and the program data and information reported by grant recipients; and

(c) report annually to the law and justice interim committee and the state-tribal relations committee regarding the status and performance of the reentry cultural programming grant program established in this section and any recommendations for changes to the program.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. For each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, there is appropriated \$150,000(?) from the general fund to the board of crime control to implement the reentry cultural programming grant program

established in [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Codification**

instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 44, chapter 7, part 1, and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 7, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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